Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an apparatus having an emergency alert function, comprising:

detecting a power interruption to said apparatus;

determining an estimate of the duration of said detected power interruption;

comparing said estimate of the duration of said detected power interruption to a predetermined threshold;

~~enabling an output to notify a user responsive to detecting said power interruption;~~ and

responsive to a determination that said estimate of the duration of said detected power interruption exceeded said predetermined threshold, enabling a user to provide updated information comprising location information associated with the emergency alert function responsive to detecting said power interruption.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said updated information comprising location information includes a FIPS location code.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said updated information includes a type of emergency event.

5.   (Cancelled)

6. – 10. (Cancelled)

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11.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus having an emergency alert function,
comprising:

tuning means for tuning signals including emergency alert signals capable of
activating said emergency alert function; and

processing means for:

detecting a power interruption to said apparatus;

determining an estimate of the duration of said detected power interruption;

comparing said estimate of the duration of said detected power interruption
to a predetermined threshold;

~~enabling an output to notify a user responsive to detecting said power
interruption~~; and

responsive to a determination that said estimate of the duration of said
detected power interruption exceeded said predetermined threshold, enabling a user
to provide updated information comprising location information associated with the
emergency alert function responsive to detecting said power interruption.

12.   (Cancelled)

13.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said updated
information comprising location information includes a FIPS location code.

14.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said updated
information includes a type of emergency event.

15.   (Cancelled)

16. – 20. (Cancelled)

21.   (Currently Amended) A television signal receiver having an emergency alert function, comprising:

a tuner operative to tune signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function; and

a processor operative to:

detect a power interruption to said television signal receiver;

determine an estimate of the duration of said detected power interruption;

compare said estimate of the duration of said detected power interruption to a predetermined threshold; enable an output to notify a user responsive to detecting said power interruption; and

enable a user to provide updated information comprising location information associated with the emergency alert function responsive to detecting said power interruption responsive to a determination that said estimate of the duration of said detected power interruption exceeded said predetermined threshold.

22.   (Cancelled)

23.   (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 21, wherein said updated information comprising location information includes a FIPS location code.

24.   (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 21, wherein said updated information includes a type of emergency event.

25.   (Cancelled)

26.   (Cancelled)

27. – 30. (Cancelled)

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